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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1, 5 and 7 were pending in the Application. Applicant has amended claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new claims 10-14. Applicant submits that no new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 7 and 10-14 will remain pending in the application.

2. Rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly rendered obvious by U.S. Patent No. 6,256,115 B1 to Adler, et al. ("Adler '115") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,214,702 to Fischer ("Fischer '702").

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. However, solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and the rejection is moot.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not fairly teach or suggest:

receiving input data representing the entire facsimile document
and generating facsimile information in a first format by said first
communication device from said input data;
processing said input data to compute an encrypted checksum of
the entire input data. Claim 1 (emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as presently claimed in claims 5 and 7 is patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 5 and 7 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 10-14 are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons described above.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 5, 7 and 10-14 are in condition for allowance.

3. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

4. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-240.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-240.

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